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KEEP THE BALL ROLLING.

Commissioner Fitzgerald seems to have sized up the labor situation in this country just about as it is. The fearless manner in which he has talked facts has had a very good effect in circles where the white labor proposition was once laughed at. A general change in the atmosphere has been noted, and it is to be hoped that this new state of affairs will continue after Mr. Fitzgerald returns home. At the present time we find many saying "yes, yes" in answer to white labor suggestions. We are pleased to hear the general expressions of approbation, but we trust that the visit of Mr. Fitzgerald will amount to something more than the exchange of favorable opinions.

If the employers of labor are honest they will immediately begin to lay plans for obtaining white laborers. It is one thing to say nice things about the changes that should be made and can be made and quite another thing to go to work in a systematic style and make the changes. This last is now the duty that devolves upon the planters and the Government as well. Actions speak louder than words. We have it on good authority that one, perhaps two, corporations are moving in the proper direction. The beginning is good so far as it goes. The only danger is that after the first enthusiasm is worn off some of our good friends will forget that they ever even talked white labor. A few desultory shots will accomplish little. What is needed is a general advance all along the line.

The Government can show its good will by resurrecting the Labor Commission. It reflects no credit upon the powers-that-be that this important commission has been allowed to die a natural death. As a matter of fact it reflects discredit. The work that was dropped almost two years ago might have been continued, so that the Labor Commissioners of California would at least find some semblance of an organization to deal with. The present white labor agitation is the result of the excellent work done by W. N. Armstrong, chairman of the defunct commission. How much more might have been accomplished, if Mr. Armstrong's advice had been taken in the first place can only be surmised, but we firmly believe the conditions would be far in advance of what they are today.

We do not believe in dwelling upon the mistakes of the past except as they furnish material for drawing proper conclusions in the future. What Hawaii needs today is an active working arm that will do more extensive work than is now performed by the Board of Immigration. This work can be accomplished if the Executive will exercise a little more activity and put the machinery of the Labor Commission in proper order. Water doesn't rise higher than its own level and unfortunately officials do not usually move faster than the people behind them. But it now looks as if Mr. Fitzgerald had drummed good ideas into the minds of some of our intensely "practical" men and the time has come for positive, progressive action.

The Congregationalist is authority for the statement that during the last six years the theological students in German universities have decreased from 4,527 to 2,956. The cause given for this state of affairs is the weakening of faith through extreme liberalism, the over-crowding of the ministry and the small salaries paid to pastors. In Prussia, a minister at

the beginning receives \$450, and can not expect at any time to receive more than \$900. It is significant that the only two universities which report increased attendance of theological students are Greifswald and Erlangen, which are among the less famous, but which are most conservative. The liberal teaching seems to work both ways in cutting down the number of young men taking up the ministry. Having been taught the easy road to Heaven, they naturally draw the conclusion that most everybody will get there any way. Consequently as there is not much money in the business of religious teaching, they seek some more remunerative professions.

"Sugar a New and Profitable Industry" is the title of a recent American publication sent out from the offices of the Orange Judd Company, New York. The object of the book is to convince the farmers of the United States that they can raise all the sugar required in the United States. It tells them all about what has been done in sugar beet culture and what can be done. The author is Herbert Myrick, who is at the head of the largest agricultural publishing house in the United States. Mr. Myrick is also treasurer of the American Sugar Growers Society, "which is a coalition of all interests throughout the country in an effort to secure such protection in sugar that the domestic industry may be quickly developed until it supplies the \$100,000,000 worth of sugar now annually imported." The sugar beet growers are a unit against the admission of sugars produced by Asiatic labor. We simply note these facts as an object lesson to numerous friends who look upon white labor suggestions with dignified contempt.

We call especial attention to the article, given in another column, on the Honolulu kindergarten. The ladies, who have devoted so much of their time and successful effort in building up the Free Kindergarten, may be forgiven for feelings of satisfaction in having their work so ably described by a most loyal kamaaina. Mrs. McCully-Higgins wrote of the kindergarten as she knew it nearly two years ago. The work has progressed remarkably since that time, the five-pointed star having received two additions, Palama and Ewa, so that we now have a seven-pointed star with good prospects of a complete and well-rounded circle in the not far distant future. Another step in the stairway of progress is the new Portuguese kindergarten building, recently completed through the generosity of J. B. Atherton.

PERSONAL AND PECULIAR.

In the ninety-three years since the establishment of the British and Foreign Bible Society it has distributed 147,366,669 Bibles, Testaments and extracts from the Scriptures.

Many statistics show that out of 19,000 smokestacks only 3 are struck by lightning during the year, while of 10,000 church spires 67 are struck, and of 19,000 windmills 89 are struck by lightning annually. It has been endeavored to explain this condition by the fact that the smoke discharging from the smokestacks takes the electricity assembled around the building along and distributes it in the air, whereby the

source of attraction for the electric spark of lightning is not only diminished, but almost disappears. This also explains why people in the country kindle a large fire in the fireplace when a thunderstorm is approaching.

The one hundredth anniversary of the consecration of Dr. Edward Bliss, the first Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Massachusetts, will be observed on May 7th.

Governor Pingree, of Michigan, is to visit Maine in the summer, and some of the towns of the Pine Tree State are desirous of having him talk on municipal reform while there.

Alphonse Bertillon, of France, who invented the Bertillon system of measuring convicts, advocates the exemption from direct taxation of every family in which there are three children.

Various schemes for a permanent memorial of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in Hong Kong have been proposed, including a road round the island, a new clock tower and the completion of Her Majesty's statue, bath-houses for European children, a college of medicine, and a nursing institution in connection with the Government Civil Hospital.

There is said to have been very much less snow in Maine at the beginning of March of the present year than ever before at the same season in forty-five years.

The Legislature of New Hampshire has passed a law providing for the inspection of all ice sold within the State, to guard against disease.

Governor Budd, of California, president of the Board of Regents, has accepted the gift of Levi Strauss, of San Francisco, turning over \$3,500 annually for scholarships to the University of California, to be equally distributed to deserving youths in the seven Congressional districts of California.

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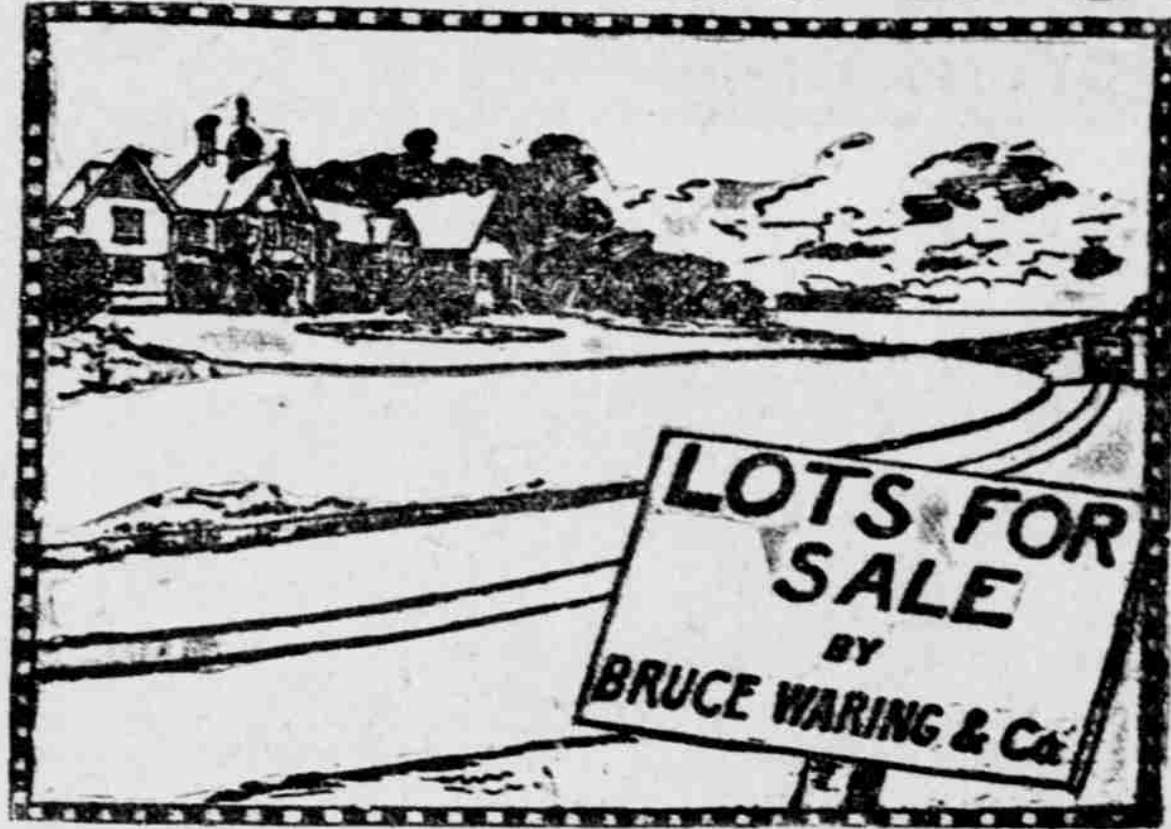
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